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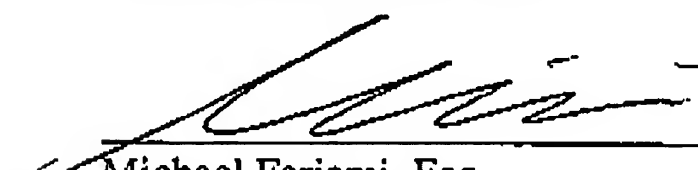
REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicant has canceled non-elected claims 9-15. Elected claims 1-8 and 16-20 remain in the present application.

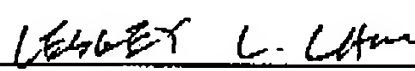
Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group II, i.e. claims 1-8 and 16-20, in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated September 10, 2004. Applicant hereby reserves its right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

According to the election made herein to prosecute claims 1-8 and 16-20 in this application, Applicant respectfully requests an early examination and/or allowance of claims 1-8 and 16-20 remaining in this application.

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